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# wizard attendees wild about Harry

and his daughter Kendalyn arrive at the Harry Potter Triwizard Night on May 2 during the Abilene Public Library's annual Lib-Con. The multiday-mini convention included games, crafts, and other activities.

April 27. The event was catered by Abuelo's, and organizers always remember to treat us with veggies. The Rev. Felicia Hopkins, senior pastor at St. Paul United Methodist Church, presided. She told about donations turned in to honor special people, who were notified with surprise notes from the donors. Miz C thought it was a great help with thank-you notes (she usually owes).

The invocation was given by Cynthia Pearson, president and CEO of Day Nursery of Abilene. Featured speaker Angela Thomas framed her speech with a question: "Do you think I'm beautiful?" Jim McNiece, development officer of Christian Homes, gave the benediction.

Miz Cheevus was invited by Kaye Price-Hawkins and sat at the table with Jean McMillon; Judy Godfrey; Julie Boger; Bobbye McMillon; Nancy Haddox; Becky Casey; and Myra Dean.

The Fiesta de Arte, a

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main audience, what can I tell you that you can pass on to parents? If parents are reading this, what would be helpful to you? Do you need information on getting your children involved in activities, or about what's coming up for a group you already are with? Or is there something else of importance I'm missing? (By the way, I'm not a parent, so I'm not "in the loop" sometimes.)

On the other side of the coin, what are different youth groups doing that I'm not already covering? I get most of my information from websites or from talking to the professionals, but the volunteer

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## Getting the facts at your library

The staff at the Abilene Public Library continues to respond to more than 2,000 reference questions each month. Received in person, by phone or electronically, the questions are testimony to the fact that many people realize simply "Googling" information is not always reliable or comprehensive.

Far beyond merely a general Internet search, the professional librarians at APL have access to a wide range of print and electronic reference resources and the know-how to make full use of them. These resources also generally are available to library patrons with or without librarian assistance.

In the print collection, reference materials do not circulate; thus they are always available.

Medical and law-related questions are among the most common. An excellent print source is the Gale

Encyclopedia of Medicine, a nine-volume set published in 2015. Among other medical resources are six databases to which the library subscribes. These databases include full-text articles from current editions of reputable

medical journals and are accessible from any PC or handheld device for library cardholders.

Among an extensive collection of law resources are a complete set of Texas Codes Annotated, including civil statutes and code of criminal procedures. Many requests for law forms can be satisfied with our Texas Legal Forms database.

Several times each week, library patrons ask for vehicle repair manuals. Though many can be checked out, the main library has, in our reference section, repair manuals for autos from 1940 to the present and for trucks and

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Coleman. Also, Philip and  
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tin; and Jason and Carly  
Potter, of Lubbock. Also,  
Ken and Sue Burgess; and  
Donald and Pamela Willi-  
ford, and their daughter  
and grandchildren.

director of the Abilene  
Philharmonic, was there  
and introduced bands,  
which took turns playing  
soulful, jazzy and rousing  
music. Mary Cooksey was  
a good one to ask for in-  
formation or favors.  
Saw Tom Ambrose  
greeting folks at the

admitted his efforts to  
start Goodwill in Abilene  
to aid people with ob-  
stacles to employment.  
Goodwill Industries  
opened a location here in  
1983. Such vision led to  
the employment of Brian  
King, son of Ray and Mar-  
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plus years.

Groves, Jeff Smith, Al  
Riggs, Bette Byrd; A3, B2  
Barbara Bridges, Norma  
Labathe; C1 Betty Duke,  
Richard Pike. E/W A1 Ed  
Grant, Bob Young; A2, B1  
Jackie Stowe, Jim Alvis; A3,  
B2 Delinda Verner, Helen  
Cartee; tied C1/2 David and  
Candice Samuelson and  
Robin Julian and Jim Reid.

## LIBRARY from 1B

vans from 1961 to the current year. We  
also offer a vehicle repair database —  
the Chilton Online Automotive Repair  
Manuals.

Consumer product information can  
be researched from issues of Consum-  
er Reports or the Consumer Reports  
Buying Guide 2016 available in print  
at the main library or online, includ-  
ing the most current issues in the  
Academic Search Complete database.

Those searching for a new or used  
vehicle will find the Consumer Re-  
ports Buying Guide 2016 or the Con-  
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Guide most helpful. Those wishing  
to buy or sell used vehicles also make  
frequent use of our NADA or Kelley  
Blue Book guides to determine the  
approximate values of used vehicles.  
We also have the Collector Car Price  
Guide 2016.

An indispensable resource for  
Texas topics, history in particular, is  
our six-volume "The New Handbook  
of Texas," also available online in a  
condensed version. Obscure facts  
about Texas towns, Texans or Texas  
history often can be found only in this  
resource. Additionally, we have data-  
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Archives and the Texas Digital Sar-  
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"Headquarters USA 2016" is a two-  
volume resource with more than  
128,000 entries listing information on  
businesses, organizations, agencies  
and institutions in the U.S. by name  
and by subject — with addresses,  
phone numbers, fax numbers and  
more.

Those seeking grants for nonprofit  
organizations may want to use The  
Directory of Texas Foundations;  
those seeking grants for individuals  
may consult Foundation Grants to  
Individuals. Investors can use either  
the print version of Value Line or the  
online version of Morningstar.

Although most of the above-named  
resources are available at the main li-  
brary, our branches do carry a limited  
print collection of reference materi-  
als. Among the most utilized are Con-  
sumer Reports buying guides. Staff at  
both branches also rely on a number  
of online resources to respond to re-  
ference questions.

There are countless additional  
print and online reference resources  
available to library patrons. What's  
been mentioned here is but the tip  
of the iceberg. Information services  
professionals are eager to assist with  
your information needs at any of our  
three locations, or you can call the  
main library at 325-676-6025 during  
the library's hours of operations.

Dennis Miller is business specialist at the  
Abilene Public Library, 202 Cedar St.

## Senior nutrition

### MONDAY

Creole chicken served  
over rice, fried okra,  
orange juice, Oreo  
pudding, whole-wheat  
bread, choice of milk.

### TUESDAY

Sliced ham, baked potato,  
California vegetables,  
blushing pears, dinner  
roll, choice of milk.

### WEDNESDAY

Chicken-fried steak with  
gravy, whipped potatoes,  
green beans and  
tomatoes, sliced peaches,  
dinner roll, choice of milk.

### THURSDAY

Swedish meatballs served  
over white rice, mixed  
vegetables, lime whip,  
whole-wheat bread,  
choice of milk.

### FRIDAY

Chicken cacciatore, sliced  
new potatoes, three bean  
salad, cantaloupe slice,  
dinner roll, choice of milk.

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